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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan  
February/March 2007 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from February 17, through March 16, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Hale".

Jennifer Hale  
Environmental Manager

Attachment

cc: Paul Bucholtz, MDEQ (3 copies)  
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**Progress Report No. 7**  
**February 17, Through March 16, 2007**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- Throughout the current reporting period, Weyerhaeuser and the City exchanged revisions to the draft notes for the Developers Forum that was held on January 31. On certain points, JJR facilitated discussions with the parties to clarify intent and to resolve ambiguities. The notes include a companion graphic illustrating some of the land use concepts that were suggested by the developers. This graphic may be useful in furthering decisions on land use for the property. Weyerhaeuser will provide the notes to the U.S. EPA following feedback from the City on the latest version, which the City is currently reviewing.
- On February 19, Weyerhaeuser provided to the U.S. EPA the information package that was prepared for the Developers Forum.

2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No data were collected.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.

4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:

- None.

5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:

- On February 28, the U.S. EPA announced that two agreements were reached with Georgia-Pacific and Millennium Holdings to perform a time-critical removal action (TCRA) in the Former Plainwell Impoundment, and to conduct a Supplemental RI of the entire Kalamazoo River, including the former paper mills. Weyerhaeuser is reviewing the agreements and planning documents to assess the potential implications for the Plainwell Mill (and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill).

6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:

- Weyerhaeuser will continue to review the agreements and planning documents for the TCRA in the Plainwell Impoundment and the Supplemental RI for the Kalamazoo River to assess potential implications for the Plainwell Mill (and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill), and to evaluate options for implementing the activities required by the Consent Decree between Weyerhaeuser and the U.S. EPA for the Plainwell Mill (and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill) in a manner that is compatible with the activities and schedules for the TCRA and the Supplemental RI. As needed, Weyerhaeuser may request information from the U.S. EPA to support its evaluation.
- Weyerhaeuser will provide the notes for the Developers Forum to the U.S. EPA following feedback from the City on the latest version, which the City is currently reviewing.
- The Plainwell City Council is scheduled to review the notes for the Developers Forum at its meeting on March 26. The City Planning Commission will be discussing redevelopment of the mill property at its annual retreat in early April. The City then plans to update the community on general redevelopment options for the mill property at a public meeting (date unknown). In light of the above meetings and schedule, Weyerhaeuser has been talking with the City about the appropriate timing, and group to discuss the integrated remediation/redevelopment process, and possible next steps for refining future land uses at the mill property.
- On September 29, Weyerhaeuser submitted the Draft RI/FS Work Plan and the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan to the U.S. EPA for review. On November 20, the U.S. EPA provided preliminary comments on the Draft Health and Safety Plan. When comments on other components of these documents are provided by the U.S. EPA, Weyerhaeuser will review and begin addressing them, pursuant to the schedule contained in the SOW.

7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:

- None.

8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:

- None are needed.

9. Other Relevant Information:

- None.